

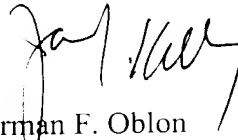
The present application is a Continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/334,647, filed on June 17, 1999, now allowed, which is a Continuation-in-Part of U.S. Serial No. 09/181,881, filed October 29, 1998, now pending.

Page 10 of the specification and Claim 4 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error in the structure represented by formula (I). The amendment to Claim 1 is supported by the specification at pages 4-60 and by Claim 12, now canceled. Claim 11 has been amended to depend from Claim 1 and to make a grammatical change. No new matter is believed to have been added to this application by these amendments.

Applicants submit that the present application is ready for examination on the merits. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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